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SUBJECT: WEEKEND CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES

1. SUMMARY: THREE-DAY WEEKEND AFFORDED POOPRTUNITY FOR PARTY LEADERS AND POLITICAL ACTIVISTS TO DIYPERSE TO HUSTINGS FOR SPEECHES, ALST-MINUTE CAUCUSES ON CANDIDATES, AND PARTICIPATION IN TRADTIONAL PATRIOTIC "OXI" DAY CELEBRATIONS. MIDNIGHT OCT. 28 MARKED FINAL HOUR FOR SUBMISSION OF CANDIDATES SLATES, INCLUDING TWELVE "NATIONAL DEPUTIES" EACH PARTY IS ENTITLED TO NOMINATE. PARTY LEADERS INCLUDING PM CARAMANLIS DISCUSSED ISSUES OF CYPRUS AND ACTIONS AGAINST JUNTA. CU, PASOK AND EA STRESSED OPPOSITION TO RETURN OF MONARCHY, AN ISSUE WHICH NEW DEMOCRACY CONTINUES STUDIOUSLY TO AVOID. ALL PARTIES EXLUDING GAROUFALIAS' FAR RIGHT EDE HAVE BEEN GRANTED EQUAL TELEVISION TIME ON BASIS OF EIGHT MINUTES PER PARTY EACH WEEK. END SUMMARY.

2. CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES INTENSIFIED OVER "OXI" DQY WEEKEND WITH ALL PARTIES MOVING INTO FULL STRIDE. CARAMANLIS MADE FIRST MAJOR POLITICAL SPEECH AS LEADER OF NEW DEMOCRACY TO LARGE GATHERING IN THESSALONIKI (THESSALONIKI 682). GEORGE MAVROS OPENED HIS ELECTORAL CAMPAIGN IN IOANNINA OCTOBER 27 WHERE TURNOUT WAS REPORTEDLY LIGHT. MAVORS

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LIKE OTHER PARTY LEADERS ADVOCATED PUNISHMENT FOR

PERPETRATORS OF DICTATORSHIP AND STRESSED THAT CU/NF WAS LAW AND ORDER PARTY. ON ISSUE OF MONARCHY, WHICH CARMANLIS' NEW DEMOCRACY CAREFULLY AVOIDS OR TURNS ASIDE WITH "LET THE PEOPLE DECIDE", MAVROS CATEGORICALLY DECLARED THAT NATION'S FIRST CITIZEN SHOULD COME FROM PEOPLE AND BE ELECTED BY DEMOCRATIC PROCEDURE. PAPANDREOU TOLD MODEST CROWD IN HERAKLION AT END OF TOUR OF CRETE THAT RIGHT WAS BETRAYER OF NATION AND HAD PERMITTED SUBVERSION BY GREAT PROTECTING POWERS. HE LAUNCHED INTO TYPICAL PAPANDREOU LITANY: PENETRATION BY AMERICAN SERVICES INTO GREEK ARMED FORCES AND KYP, AND EXPANSIONIST POLICIES OF U.S. IN EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN. PAPANDREOU CONCLUDED BY NOTING THAT A VOTE FOR HIS FORMER PARTY, CU, WOULD CONSTITUTE A VOTE FOR "THE ESTABLISHMENT." HE OPPOSED MONARCHY. HE SAID PASOK FAVORED GREECE'S MEMBERSHIP IN EEC THROUGH AMENDMENTS OF ORIGINAL TERMS OF ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT. UNITED LEFT WAS EQUALLY ACTIVE OVER WEEKEND WITH FEATURE ADDRESS GIVEN BY G. FARAKOS, DIRECTOR OF RIZOSPASTIS, IN MYTILENE.

3. BY WAY OF UNDERSCORING CU'S CLAIM "OURS IS NOT A STATIC PARTY" GEORGE MAVROS WILL APPEAR ON NATIONAL TV TOMORROW AND ON OCTOBER 31 WILL SPEAK IN ATHENS, OMONIA SQUARE, AT OFFICIAL INAUGURATION OF CU/NF CAMPAIGN HEADQUARTERS. CU/NF STALWARTS MET OVER WEEKEND IN ATHENS WHEN CANDIDATE PROF. G. MANGAKIS CHARGED THAT PURGE OF JUNTA ELEMENTS FROM ARMED FORCES AND GOVERNEMENT BY CARAMANLIS REPRESENTED MOCKERY. FORMER CU DEPUTIES ALSO SPOKE OVER WEEKEND: PAUL VARDINOYANNIS ANNOUNCED INDEPENDENT SLATE (LIBERAL DEMOCRATID FRONT) OF HIMSELF AND ONE OTHER CANDIDATE FROM RETHYMNON; JOHN ZIGDIS DECLARED HIS INDEPENDENT PARTY, DEMOCRATIC UNION OF THE CENTER, WHICH INCLUDES HIMSELF AND THREE OTHERS FROM RHODES; AND C. MITSOTAKIS SAID HIS OWN PARTY, INDEPENDENT DEMOCRATIC FRONT, WILL SPONSOR THREE CANDIDATES BESIDES HIMSELF. SMALLER RALLIES TOOK PLACE THROUGHOUT NATION. EXTREME RIGHT EDE CONTINUES INCENSED OVER ITS EXCLUSION FROM MAJOR POLITICAL PARTY RANKS. GAROUFALIAS ISSUED STATEMENT OCTOBER 28 DENOUNCING PM CARAMANLIS FOR OMITTING EDE FROM TELEVISION SCHEDULING AND FOR CARAMANLIS' ALLEGED INTENTION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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"TO IMPOSE HIMSELF ON NATION THROUGH MEANS OF SUPER-DE GAULLE DICTQTORSHIP."

4. ATHENS NEWSPAPERS CONTINUE TO PURSUE TRADITIONAL PREDILECTIONS, OFTEN EXCLUDING ENTIRELY ACTIVITIES OF CANDIDATES THEY HOLD IN DISFAVOR OR DISINTEREST. CARAMANLIS' NEW DEMOCRACY GAINED FULL SUPPORT OVER WEEKEND FROM AKROPOLIS WHICH PREVIOUSLY HAD LEANED TOWARD

NEW DEMOCRACY BUT WITH SEEMING RESERVATIONS. IN FEATURE
EDITORIAL AKROPOLIS CONCLUDED THA CARAMANLIS MUST WIN
LARGE MAJORITY IN UPCOMING ELECTIONS FOR ONLY WITH SUCH
PUBLIC MANDATE CAN PM COMPLETE HIS NATIONAL MISSION.
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